

YOUTH SERVICES NOTES

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From Enid's desk Summer Reading Program

iRead Manual and Clipart

Each Library System using the iREAD summer reading program may request a DVD containing a manual and clipart.

Please make your request by submitting it online at <http://vpl.virginia.gov/youth-services/reading-programs/>


Extra materials

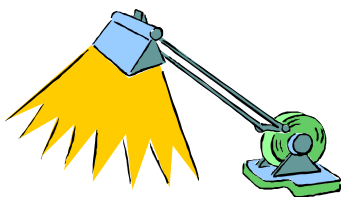
We have a limited supply of extra posters, bookmarks and certificates.

If you need additional materials, please be specific as to what you need, and the quantity needed. Please provide a complete mailing address. Requests for these materials may be sent to enid.costley@lva.virginia.gov

Evanced Summer Reader

We have a subscription to the online system Evanced Summer Reader through September 30, 2016.

As our contract will expire then, the data covered under our contract will no longer be available. This means that all summer reading program reports should to be run before September 30, 2016. We plan to offer the online system BookPoints, which several libraries are currently testing as test pilot libraries this summer. Training for BookPoints will be offered in the fall 2016 and into 2017. 



From PUBYAC Teen Skater (Skateboard) Programs

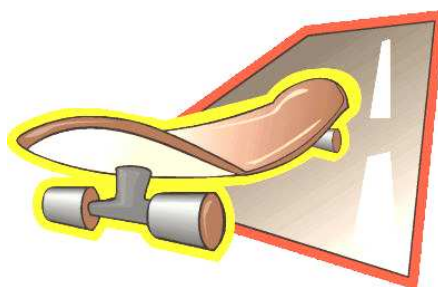
Greetings All, I have a large demographic of middle & high school kids who love to skateboard. They come to my library almost daily with their boards in tow. I'm always getting on them about not riding in the library and store boards out of walkways so no one trips on a skateboard!

They are great kids and I really want to cater events to them but I cannot seem to come up with an event or

program that works at the library for this group. I want something that will interest them because they are constantly going back and forth from our library to the local skate park! Some days I have a teen event and they show up but leave shortly after for the skate park! I talk to my teens constantly about all sorts of things but when it comes to this, all they can suggest is that I turn our large meeting room into a skate park and let them do competitions and tricks. Yeah no! My director and I laugh at that image.

The city rec dept has an after hours skate park tournament for them 2x a month and I'm wondering what I can do for this group. If I can figure this out, I know it will bring in more of the skater kids and give them a positive connection with their local library. So with all that said...any ideas?? Suggestions??? Oh and we're in Florida so winter isn't an issue! Thanks in advance! Posted February 11, 2016 by Erika Davis, Teen Librarian, Safety Harbor, FL

Sorry it has taken me so long to share this compiled list, but I thank you all for your suggestions and awesome ideas! Here is the list of responses I received. (Posted April 11, 2016.)



DayByDayVA



WWW.DAYBYDAYVA.ORG

FAMILY LITERACY CALENDAR

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The Library of Virginia

Mission

As the Commonwealth's library and archives, the Library of Virginia is a trusted educational institution. We acquire, preserve, and promote access to unique collections of Virginia's history and advance the development of library and records management services statewide.

Vision

The Library of Virginia will inspire learning, ignite imagination, create possibilities, encourage understanding, and engage Virginia's past to empower its future.

Finance

The Library's primary funding source is General Fund appropriations. The majority of the Library's General Fund expenses represent transfer payments to local government for state aid to public libraries. Additionally, the Library earns special nongeneral fund revenue from storage fees charged to agencies and courts for document and records storage and from local circuit court records' preservation fees.

The Library also receives federal grant funding through the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) of 1996. This grant promotes access to learning and information resources of libraries.

Goals

2014-2016

Collections:

Strengthen and Preserve the Library's collections and expand accessibility for the benefit of users.

Service:

Deliver courteous, accurate, and efficient information services to our customers.

Organizational Excellence:

Position the Library to effectively embrace new challenges and increasing responsibilities.

Educational Readiness and Achievement:

Engage and educate parents, teachers, and learners through programming designed to enhance early literacy readiness and to provide access to quality education resources for prekindergarten and K12 children.

This goal is critical in fulfilling the Library's mission to provide Virginians with access to the most comprehensive information resources and to elevate levels of educational preparedness and attainment of Virginia's citizens.

Associated State Goal

Education: Elevate the levels of educational preparedness and attainment of our citizens.

Education Attainment Objectives

- ◆ Increase the number of children who participate in the Winter Reading Program.
- ◆ Increase the number of children and teens who are served by public libraries through out-of-school programs and summer reading programs.
- ◆ Support the parent as a child's first teacher by implementing Early Literacy Activity Centers in public libraries and providing training on their use.

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The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation's 123,000 libraries and 17,500 museums.

Through grant making, policy development, and research, IMLS helps communities and individuals thrive through broad public access to knowledge, cultural heritage, and lifelong learning.

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Newport News Public Library

3rd Annual ToshoCon Held in April

Another comicon convention come and gone in Newport News.

Newport News Public Library's 3rd annual ToshoCon convention was held Saturday, April 16 at Main Street Library. Over 200 teens, families, volunteers and vendors attended the event, twice as many as last year, to take advantage of hands-on crafts, a professional makeup and costuming workshop, video gaming and competitions, anime screenings, cosplay competition and dance, commercial vendors and more! More photos of the event on Flickr at <https://flic.kr/s/aHskyE6aa9>

Maria Mena, Family and Youth Services Coordinator



ToshoCon 2016
Staff and
Volunteers



Northumberland Public Library

Library Volunteers Receive White House Recognition

For the second year in a row, Northumberland Public Library volunteers were honored with the President's Volunteer Service Award.

Volunteers with service during the year of 50 or more hours, depending on their age, received bronze and silver certificates and a letter from President Obama. Longtime adult volunteers, Bill Estell and Jay and Earline Walker received gold certificates for more than 500 hours of service to the library. *Pamela Hagy*



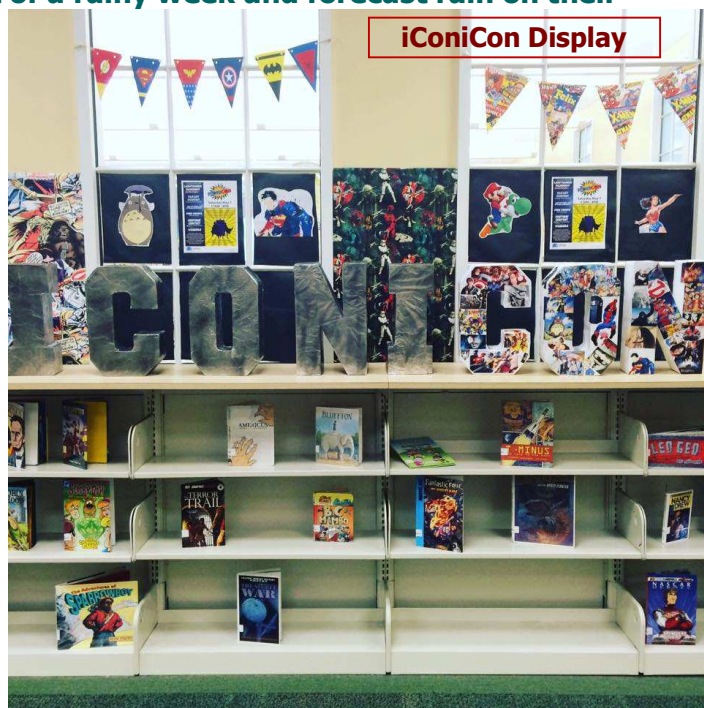
Suffolk Public Library

iConiCon event brings in 1000 people to the North Suffolk Library

Saturday, May 7th was Free Comic Book Day. It was also Suffolk Public Library's first annual iConiCon event, and SPL staff didn't let the threat of a rainy week and forecast rain on their parade. Instead, they rose to the challenge and brought the large event completely inside the building.

From 11:00AM to 4:00PM the Suffolk Public Library in partnership with the Tidewater Alliance hosted the biggest gathering of Sci-Fi and Fantasy fans in the area. There was something for everyone including vendors, panels, superhero storytimes and training camps, crafts, green screen photos, Lightsaber Academy, costume contests, tabletop gaming, and video games on the new Library2Go vehicle. We even highlighted our 3D printers by printing iConiCon logoed keychains to be raffled off. The con received a huge amount of community support, as demonstrated not only by the 1000 participants, but also by the 73 pieces of original artwork that was submitted to the Attack of the Fan Art Contest. A winner for each age category (0-11, 12-18, and 18+) was announced during the event.

Jennifer Brown, Youth and Family Services Manager



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🐦 You should try showing skateboarding videos for your teens. My high school's library won a grant for bringing boys into the library and they did it by showing skateboarding and surfing videos. Programming could include teaching them how to make their own videos. "Old school" skateboarding videos used fisheye lenses and now you can buy them to attach to iPhones. Teach them how to edit videos.

🐦 We had a program where we watched a documentary on Love Park, it was on YouTube and about 30 minutes. We bleeped all the really bad language. We have had problems with skaters and law enforcement in our town, so we invited a police officer and the skaters and police officer had a really good and respectful discussion afterward. Here's a link to a 5 minutes version - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uMRwKBrj_UU. I can't find the full version on YouTube anymore but I have it saved on my computer if you'd like it.

🐦 If you can't turn the library into a skate park, can you turn the skate park into a library?

🐦 Maybe you could ask some of your teens for ideas of what they'd like to have at the skate park? You could engage a local skater to come and do some sort of a demo program at the park, have skate books, skater-inspired food (I don't know what that would be!)

🐦 We have done a 'Minute to Win It' program where kids complete certain tasks within 60 seconds (moving a cookie from forehead to mouth without using your hands, etc.), and you could task some of the skaters with designing the obstacles/challenges.

🐦 What if you had a sort of skating obstacle course/scavenger hunt? Start at the skate park, have them complete some obstacles at the park and then come to the library for a scavenger hunt and then end with some sort of 'award ceremony' with snacks? Our tweens love making candy sushi. Or maybe some sort of food that looks like a skateboard?

🐦 Food and novelty is a winning combination!

🐦 Maybe you could do a program involving some of the art or mechanics or skating? You can find tons of stuff on-line about skateboard decoration done with Sharpie markers – there are Pinterest pages too. You could provide the markers and paper templates and let the kids explore.

🐦 Another idea would be to get someone in from a local skate shop to talk about building your own board or re-packing your bearings. There are videos that you can show on these topics, too. Maybe one or two of your regulars could act as moderators and the kids could use your space to share their favorites with each other!

🐦 We have been so fortunate to have a local skater help us host a "Skate Jam" every year in our parking lot. We block out a large section of it on a Sunday afternoon during the summer/fall, and he brings small wooden ramps that he has built. This year, we received donated helmets from Walmart and were able to give them away to anyone who was interested. This was the compromise from our admin, since we consistently have youth who show up for the event without a helmet, which was required by our permission slip in the past. I will say that the event is a big draw for this crowd, though it still causes some stress. I still struggle with youth who arrive not knowing that they needed a permission slip (and, of course, they came without a parent). This summer, we plan to pair this program with a "Safety Jam" where there will be bicycle helmets available for youth and more child-gear activities, since our skaters sometimes have young children or siblings with them who are left to sit on the sidelines and watch. I'm hoping that this will generate more interest in the event and allow for more family participation without detracting from the skating.



🐦 Skateboard deck design workshop?

🐦 Partner with the City Rec Dept to have someone come and demo some skating tricks/tips at the skate park?

🐦 What about a mud stenciling program <http://www.ihollaback.org/how-to-create-mud-stencils/> ? If they're into graffiti (which many skate kids are), it would be a fun and positive take on a usually problematic issue. You could let them decorate the sidewalks in front of the library, too.

🐦 Another idea would be host a skateboard art design program. This could take many forms like a how-to about customizing your own deck (although, this could be rough if you don't have ventilation for spray-painting, concerns about letting kids use X-acto knives to cut grip tape, etc.). An easier alternative would be a



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graphic arts overview of how to create a design that would work on the bottom of a board. Maybe you could find a local graphic designer to donate their time. Otherwise, it would be cool to just do a skateboard art paint/sketch program.

Get a local skater celebrity to come to the library and perform in the parking lot. The skater could do a short talk in the meeting room indoors. Obviously he wasn't performing 540s (I think that's one of the numbers. . . not too sharp on this. . . only know what I've seen the Olympic snowboarders do in half-pipe) but they had fun talking skateboards and just being around him and seeing him on his board. He could speak their languages and answer their questions. It was probably 20 kids who showed up which makes it a great size for really connecting.

So, maybe a local race car driver or snake handler or alligator wrestler will work.... I wonder if bringing in soldiers who have been in the war who could talk about what they did in Afghanistan or something would work?

Get a famous skateboarder to come and share tips with them.

What about watching skate videos on YouTube, or a video production workshop about making your own videos? Maybe something about the best apps for recording and editing video since most kids probably don't have a video camera or GoPro.

I did a "skater" graffiti program once about 2 years ago. I had books and an actual graffiti artist that works at a local comic shop. I got some "stickers" donated from local skate shop to give out. Lined the walls of our program room with brown paper and let them paint and use jumbo markers. We also showed the movie *Paranoid Park* based on Blake Nelson's book. It was a combination of elements, but it got both teen boys & girls to attend. Oh yeah, we left "graffiti" paper up for about 5 days so the public could check it out.

I was thinking that a skateboard maintenance program might have some appeal. Find a handy kid (or someone who makes his/her living at this) to show others how to maintain a board, change wheels, make

modifications, etc. How about hosting a skateboard movie like *Lords of Dogtown* (PG-13) after school?

Also, does your library subscribe to *Thrasher* or *The Skateboard Mag*?

Is there a skate shop nearby? See if there's an employee who could come out and do a workshop on board upkeep. The National Guard sometimes has a skate park thing they will bring out, but the insurance cost is astronomical


Have you tried any video production events? As a former skater kid, I remember the guys in my group were forever taking videos of themselves doing tricks and then editing them in the high school AV lab. With iPads and smartphones now, video production is way easier, so maybe they would enjoy that?

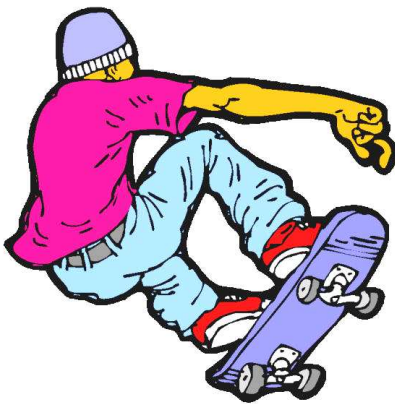
If all else fails, you could see if they'd want to play life-sized *Hungry, Hungry Hippos* by laying on their boards.

Perhaps a program that allows them to design graphics for their boards or gives them a venue to incorporate the videos of their skating experience into a creative program that other patrons can experience. If they are already coming to the library, they feel a connection there, so I would build on that and on their strengths, and see how you can allow them to share their knowledge with the rest of the library community to help them feel integrated. Perhaps you could also see about doing a session on the science of skateboarding to help them better understand why some moves work well and some do not. It would help with safety and math! I don't know if those ideas are possible in your library, but I hope that is helpful.

Have you considered doing a partnership event with the city rec department?

Sounds like these kids love to be active. Perhaps they would respond if you came to one of their events or if you held a program at the skate park instead of in the library. STEM would be a great connection. Skateboarding and physics, the science of skateboarding, board design (engineering) or even maintenance and repair.

You could have them use their skateboards to play a human *Hungry, Hungry Hippos* game! We'll be doing that with teens in the summer here. Someone lays flat on a board, someone holds onto their feet and the person on the skateboard holds a plastic light hamper. Dump a load of balls in the center and they push and pull the skateboard person into the middle. 





Dates to Remember

Virginia Conferences

October 26-28, 2016..... VLA Annual Conference.....Hot Springs

National Conferences

June 23-28, 2016..... American Library Association Annual Conference.....Orlando

September 15-17, 2016..... ALSC National Institute 2016.....Charlotte

October 27-29, 2016..... Association for Rural & Small Libraries Conference..... Fargo

November 4-6, 2016..... YALSA's 2016 YA Services Symposium..... Pittsburgh

Library Observances, Celebration Weeks & Promotional Events

May

Jewish American Heritage Month..... <http://www.jewishheritagemonth.gov/>

Asian Pacific American Heritage Month..... <http://www.asian-nation.org/heritage.shtml>

Mental Health Awareness Month..... <http://www.mentalhealthamerica.net/may>

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/index.shtml>

National Foster Care Month..... <https://www.childwelfare.gov/fostercaremonth/>

Children's Book Week – May 2-8, 2016..... <http://www.bookweekonline.com/>

<http://www.cbcbooks.org/>

May 1-7..... Choose Privacy Week

May 2-3..... National Library Legislative Day

May 2-8..... Children's Book Week

May 8..... Mother's Day

May 21..... National Readathon Day

May 30..... Memorial Day

Thanks for the photos and information!

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- ◇ Pamela Hagy, Northumberland Public Library
- ◇ Jennifer Brown, Suffolk Public Library
- ◇ And the usual resources - PUBYAC